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# SORRI NETWORK

#### **Waste Reduction Tips**

- Set your printers/copiers for double-sided printing. This will ensure double-sided printing at the office even if someone forgets.
- Encourage employees to bring a zero-waste lunch.
  Using a reusable lunch box and reusable dishware not only cuts down on waste, but it also saves money!
- Make sure everyone at work has a reusable mug. Some coffee shops in our area will give you a discount if you bring your own reusable mug.





# Montgomery County Recognizes Recycling Achievement in 2011

The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) held its annual Recycling Awareness Week from May 23rd to May 27th, 2011. Focusing on highlighting and promoting recycling achievement throughout Montgomery County, this event recognized businesses, multi-family properties, and individuals for their recycling efforts during the past year.

As part of this week-long event, DSWS selected eight Montgomery County public schools and four private schools to hold an educational presentation entitled "The Magic of Recycling". The students learned through a series of magic tricks about the importance of recycling and participated in a play about a village that didn't recycle and had too much garbage. Rocco, the Recycling Retriever, also made an appeareance at the



end of each show and tested the children's recycling knowledge by asking them to help him sort through a pile of recyclables and trash.

DSWS held other outreach and educational activities during this week including its 12th Annual Recycling Achievement Recognition Ceremony and a Volunteer Recognition Ceremony to recognize outstanding contributions from DSWS' recycling volunteers.



## The Magic of Recycling show visited these schools during Recycling Awareness Week 2011:

- Burning Tree Elementary School
- St. Jane de Chantal School
- Westbrook Elementary School
- · Sargent Shriver Elementary School
- · St. Andrew Apostle School
- · Broad Acres Elementary School
- Luxmanor Elementary School
- Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic School
- Takoma Park Elementary School
- · Candlewood Elementary School
- · Children's Learning Center, Inc.
- Greenwood Elementary School



Students enjoyed the "Magic of Recycling", an interactive educational presentation on the benefits of recycling.

#### Montgomery County Recognizes Outstanding Recyclers

On May 26, 2011 DSWS hosted its 12th Annual Montgomery County Recycling Awareness Week Achievement Recognition Ceremony. The ceremony, which was held at the new Silver Spring Civic Building, included remarks from Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett, Mr. Dan Locke, Chief, DSWS, and Mr. Charles Atwell, President & CEO, Innovative Business Interiors, who was featured as the ceremony's Guest Speaker.



Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett presented Dan Locke, Chief, DSWS, with a proclamation in honor of Recycling Awareness Week.

DSWS recognized fifty businesses, organizations, and individuals; twenty multi-family properties, property representatives, and residents; and six outstanding individuals for their contributions to recycling. Businesses were presented awards for Excellence in Recycling and Outstanding Achievement in Recycling for Businesses, and business employees were presented awards for Outstanding Achievement in Recycling for Individuals. Those businesses that received awards had exemplary recycling programs, some of which resulted in recycling rates greater than 50 percent. All awardees received a recycled glass award as part of DSWS' commitment to promote recycling and encourage waste reduction and buying recycled-content items.

### Not Recognized This Year?

SORRT staff members are available to talk with you about ways to set up a new recycling program or to enhance your current program and be recognized as an exemplary recycler next year. Call 311 today. Your success is our success. Let us help make your business recycling program an example for others to follow!



## Annual Business Recycling Awards

#### Excellence in Recycling

Businesses that recycled more than 50 percent of their waste stream during 2010.

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- BNA
- Brookfield Office Properties Silver Spring Metro Plaza
- EU Services
- Euro Motorcars
- Fitzgerald Auto Malls
- General Conference Corporation of the Seventh-Day Adventists
- Howard Hughes Medical Institute
- J. Craig Venter Institute
- Lockheed Martin Corporate Headquarters
- Lockheed Martin Information Systems & Global Solutions
- Marriott International Headquarters
- MOM's Organic Market
- Montgomery College
- NCR Corporation
- United Therapeutics Corporation





Representatives from the J. Craig Venter Institute (above) and Joe Fitzgibbon (below) receive their corresponding awards from Dan Locke (first from left), Chief, DSWS; Eileen Kao (second from left), Chief Waste Reduction and Recycling Section, DSWS; and Alan Pultyniewicz (right), Recycling Coordinator, DSWS.

#### Outstanding Achievement (Business)

Businesses that set up stellar recycling, buying recycled, and/or waste reduction programs during 2010.

- American Plant
- Congressional Country Club
- Discovery Communications
- Dow Jones The Wall Street Journal
- Fisher BioServices, Inc.
- Freestate Petroleum Corporation
- Gate of Heaven Cemetery
- The Great Indoors
- Highway and Safety Services, Inc.
- Human Genome Sciences, Inc.
- Irvington Center American Real Estate Partners
- Magruder's Supermarkets
- MedImmune, LLC
- Merry Maids of Gaithersburg
- Nabi Biopharmaceuticals
- Ridgewells Catering
- Shemin Nurseries, Inc.
- Silver Spring Data Center
- Steamers Seafood House
- TW Perry
- U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Young Israel Shomrai Emunah of Greater Washington

#### Outstanding Achievement (Individual)

Individuals that went above and beyond the County's expectations to monitor, set up, or expand the recycling programs at their business.

- Maureen Ballock
- Robyn Evans
- Joe Fitzgibbon
- Charlene Garran
- Yohannes Gebray
- Larry Haines, Jr.
- Claudia Mejia
- LTJG Beth Osterink
- Luis A. San Sebastian
- Marita R. Sherburne and the Wood Acres Elementary School Green Team
- Al Washington



## There's always time for recycling...

### ✓ Recycling Checklist

Commercial properties and businesses must recycle the following materials if these products are generated:

#### MIXED OR SORTED PAPER



White Paper & Colored Paper



Cardboard, Boxboard, Cereal Boxes and **Coated Paper Items** 



Newspaper & Inserts



Magazines & Catalogs



Telephone, Paperback, & Hardcover Books



Unwanted Mail & Envelopes With or Without Windows



Shredded Paper & All Other Clean, Dry Paper

#### **COMMINGLED CONTAINERS**



Glass Bottles & Jars



Aluminum Cans & Foil Products



Steel / Tin Cans and Empty Non-Hazardous Aerosol Cans



Plastic Bottles and Containers, Tubs, Lids, Jars, Pails, Buckets, and Flower







YARD TRIM

(Grass, Leaves, and Brush)



**CHRISTMAS TREES** 



**SCRAP METAL** 

Businesses are encouraged to voluntarily recycle the following materials:

- Toner Cartridges
- **Pallets**
- Computers
- **Batteries**

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling



calling Gabriela Monzon-Reynolds at (240) 777-6486 This information is available in an alternate format by

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